

# BRIDGER BOWL

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**Bridger Bowl Association  
Minutes Spring Meeting  
May 25, 2011  
7:00 P.M. Holiday Inn, Bozeman**

## BOARD MEMBERS

Present: Randy Elliott, General Manager, Dave Ballinger, Treasurer, Jim Drummond, Pat Holland, Kristie McPhie, Doug Monger, Bob Petitt, Steve Pohl, R.A. Schmidt, Rich Stoltzfus, Estela Villasenor Allen.

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

## MINUTES

The fall, 2010 Association Meeting minutes were circulated for review. Marshall Bennett moved to approve the minutes. Velma McMeekin seconded the motion. Vote taken, all in favor. The minutes were approved.

## TREASURER'S REPORT-Dave Ballinger

Copies of the Income Budget Report were distributed. Dave Ballinger detailed income and expenses. This was a record year in terms of operating days (134), and also record skier visits (210,966). Net profit for the year was \$1,163,891 up from \$742,867 the previous year.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Rich Stoltzfus

**Recognition of Jim Drummond-** Jim was recognized for his service on the board and his numerous contributions to many committees.

**Season-** The season was extended with both an early open and late close. New chairs were added to Pierre's, and the new lift installed at Bridger. The new Bridger lift performed very well over several very windy days this year.

**Long Range Plan-** There is a possibility of adding two new lifts next summer if we have another good season. The first priority is to put in a lift to Montagne Meadows, followed by a lift to the Powder Park area. This would allow the old Alpine lift to be replaced with newer, more modern lifts and loading carpets. A warming hut is planned for the intersection of Buck's Run & Limestone. Initially, this is being considered as a small hut-type building. The next priority is to expand the beginner area with new lift carpets, warming hut etc. There is also a plan to update/ expand the maintenance building.

**Recognition-** Randy and staff were recognized for their hard work this season, especially in the extended season periods, and in keeping Slushman's open later in the day.

## MANAGER'S REPORT- Randy Elliot

**Staff Introductions-** Randy introduced management and staff that were present and highlighted their recent work.

Russ Parker, Joe O'Brien, & Robin Barker –Lift Maintenance

Dan Doering- Vehicle Maintenance

John VanHouten- Grooming

Doug Wales- Marketing

Lindsay Korth–Administrative Assistant

Dave Ballinger- Finance Director

Doug Richmond- Ski Patrol Director

**Website-** The web cams and weather information will be available all summer long starting this year.

**Runoff-** The high snow pack and high moisture content have heightened potential for runoff and slumping. Staff is actively monitoring and preparing to address the issue if needed.

**Terrain Park-** For next year, the terrain park will be similar to this year. It will stay located in the same position due to the need for snowmaking (to build and maintain features). Future beyond that is not yet certain.

## FOUNDATION

Marshall Bennett reported that the Foundation supported three organizations this year, Big Sky Youth Center (50 participants), Ski P.E. Scholarships to the local schools (189 participants), and Big Brothers and Sisters (39 participants). The Foundation currently has \$54,000 in assets, which will allow for continued support of the programs they served this year. Items left in Lost & Found were donated to the Foundation this year and many sold at the ski swap creating an additional source of revenue.

## BOARD NOMINATIONS

Jim Drummond reported on nominations for the board of directors this year. There are 3 open seats, with Jim's position being vacated as he has served two terms. Kristie McPhie and Bob Petitt are finishing their first term, and seeking reelection. The board seeks to nominate Association Members with diversity in background, professional knowledge, and skill set.

Board nominees Kristie McPhie, Bob Petitt and Julie Bennett were introduced. Nominations were sought from the floor. No nominations from the floor were made. Nominees were invited to introduce themselves to the Association.

## NEW MEMBERS

**New Members-** The following applications for membership were presented for ratification: Beth Livingston, Rob Hancock, Karen Hancock, Bill Kaiser, Josh Gage, Richard Blum, Barbara Lange, Matthew Foley, Dorothy Bradley, Kim Center, Martha Williams, and Carol McClean.

Velma McMeekin moved to ratify membership of those presented. The motion was seconded from the floor. Vote taken, all in favor. Motion carried, memberships were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

**Lockers-** There is currently a waiting list. There will likely not be any additional lockers available until possible future expansion of the beginner's area occurs.

**Rope Tow-** Concern was stated that it appears as somewhat of a "band-aid" solution. The board is aware of the problem of the unload, and is looking at options for improving its function.

**Cost of new Alpine lifts-** The cost at this point is not certain; a survey has not yet been conducted. The total for replacing Bridger was \$2.9 million, but it was a "Cadillac" lift; they are looking for a used lift for at least one of the two lifts in the Alpine scenario. There will be complex evaluation of value and longevity before any decisions are made.

**Virginia City-** Has moving of VC been considered? High traffic and congestion make this area unsafe/ uncomfortable. The tension terminal from Alpine lift could be utilized as one possibility once that lift is replaced. Moving Snowflake lift could also be a possible solution.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The President welcomed a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made from the floor. The motion was seconded from the floor. Vote taken, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.



RICH STOLTZFUS, PRESIDENT



KRISTIE EAGLE MCPHIE, SECRETARY